

# LOCAL NEWS.

## CITY COUNCILS.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**—This Board met last night, according to adjournment.

A communication from the Mayor, announcing his approval of an act extending the time for the Board of Assessors to hear and determine complaints of excessive assessments. Also, the nomination of Hanson Brown, scavenger of the fifth ward, in place of William T. Bassford, resigned. Referred to Committee on Police.

A communication from the Water Purveyor was received, in answer to a resolution of February 27th, which was referred to the Committee on Drainage.

The Board of Trustees of the fourth school district presented a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Schools.

A communication from the Union Fire Company was received, and referred to the Committee on Police.

The petition of Patrick Givens, asking the remission of a fine, was received, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The bill authorizing an appropriation for the relief of H. C. Purdy was taken up and put upon its passage, and passed.

A bill authorizing the Board of Trustees of the fourth district to increase the salary of a teacher was ordered to a third reading, and passed.

An appropriation was ordered for the benefit of the Union Fire Company.

The bill for the relief of Hutchinson & Taylor was taken up, and, after considerable discussion, it was amended by striking out "fifty-two dollars and fifty cents," and inserting "thirty dollars," and then passed.

A bill for the relief of James H. Whaley was taken up, and passed.

A bill in relation to delinquent water-takers was introduced, and passed.

Several bills from the lower Board were received and appropriately referred.

The Board adjourned.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**—A communication was received from the Mayor, stating that he had signed certain acts.

A petition of Peter P. Howard, for remission of a fine, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Powell introduced an act to repair the roof and other parts of the Franklin engine-house, appropriating seventy dollars therefor. Passed.

Mr. Edmondson introduced an act for grading and graveling G street north, between Fourth and Fifth streets west; referred to the Committee on Improvements.

Mr. Russell presented a petition of George Spaulding, asking the remission of a fine; referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition from R. B. Clark and others, praying for a footwalk on square 695; referred to the Committee on Improvements.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition for the relief of Gustavus Rawlings; referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported on act to carry into effect a joint resolution appropriating \$500 for the purpose of extending proper facilities to the members of the Peace Congress, and authorizing the Mayor to pay such sums as may be due.

Mr. Lammond wanted the details of this matter. He was not willing to do business in such a loose manner.

Mr. Jones stated that the bill had been passed by the Council before the Convention had met, and that then there were none who did not anticipate some such expenditure. The greater part of this expense was for printing.

After some other discussion, the bill was passed.

Mr. Van Renswick, from the Committee on Improvements, reported a bill authorizing the curb to be set and the footway paved on the north and west side of square 26; passed.

Mr. Van Renswick, from the same committee, also reported a bill authorizing the curb to be set and the footway paved on the east front of squares 126 and 163; passed.

Mr. Morgan offered a joint resolution authorizing the Mayor to pay the sum of \$140.50 to sundry laborers for work done on sundry water mains.

After considerable discussion, in which Messrs. Wilson, Mohan, Mallory, Clark, Mead, Borrows, Emerson, and Lammond, participated, Mr. Mead moved that it be laid upon the table; lost—yeas 12, nays 12.

Mr. Borrows moved that it be referred to the Committee on Drainage and Distribution of Water; carried—yeas 12, nays 7.

The Chair laid before the Board a joint resolution to repeal the proviso to an act approved December 17, 1859. [The act referred to provided for retaining Messrs. Walter Lenox and W. C. Davidge as counsel for this Corporation in the case of R. C. Weightman vs. the Corporation of Washington. By a proviso in the act, the counsel were not to be paid until the completion of it. The present resolution was to repeal that proviso, and allow the Mayor to pay such portion of it as he may deem proper.]

The resolution was debated at much length by Messrs. Jones, Wilson, Esch, and Lammond.

Mr. Wilson offered an amendment to allow the Mayor to pay not more than \$250; agreed to—yeas 14, nays 5.

The question was then taken as to whether or not the bill should be read a third time, and decided in the negative—yeas 9, nays 10.

So the bill was not read a third time.

Bills from the Board of Aldermen:

An act to increase the salary of the second assistant of male primary school, fourth district; passed.

An act for the relief of A. J. Deeth; referred to the Committee on Claims.

An act for the relief of John R. Nourse; referred to the Committee on Claims.

An act for the relief of the American Hook and Ladder Company; referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

And the Board then adjourned.

**ZOUAVE COMPANY.**—A meeting of this corps was held at their armory in Thorne's Hall, last evening, at which resolutions of thanks to Company C, of the Washington Light Infantry battalion, were adopted. The resolutions had been handsomely drawn up by a member, and were neatly framed for presentation to Company C. The corps now numbers nearly ninety men, who already evince much proficiency in the drill. The company met again on Wednesday evening.

**CENTRAL GUARDHOUSE.**—Before Justice Down.—John Hatcher, assault and battery; committed to jail.

Doctor Love, drunk and disorderly; fine and costs \$2.15.

William Thomas, John Robinson, James Thomas, and James Ross, colored, unlawful assembly; fine and costs \$6.15 each.

L. S. Thompson, disorderly and profane; fine and costs \$3.10.

Peter O'Day, drunk and disorderly; fine and costs \$3.10.

John Williams and John Collins, stealing 21 guano bags and a drab overcoat; committed to jail. The bags and coat are at the Guardhouse for identification.

## CRIMINAL COURT.—The Wigwam Riots on Trial.

Yesterday morning, John B. Floyd, late Secretary of War, charged with being concerned in the abduction of the Indian trust bonds from the Interior Department, appeared in court, and bail was entered in the sum of \$8,000, by Messrs. Thomas Green, R. H. Hughes, and William T. Smithson, for his appearance.

The court then rendered its decision on the plea of demurrer entered by the counsel in the case of W. H. Russell, charged with complicity in the abduction of the Indian bonds. The plea entered was founded on a late law of Congress, which provides that a person shall be prosecuted for any offence when he has once been examined by a committee of Congress. The defence having proved, from the records of the committee, that Russell had been examined before the committee in reference to this case, the court decided that he could not be tried for the offence, and ordered the indictment to be quashed.

The trial of the Wigwam cases was then resumed:

**Alfred Henning, sworn:** Was an officer, and on the night of the attack went over to the Wigwam with other officers; met a crowd coming out; Lieut. McHenry went in ahead of the officers, and ordered the door to be closed; the gas was burning in the southeast room on the lower floor; went in, and lit the gas, after some one had turned it off; saw nothing inside the building but the crowd, the only one of whom he knew was Joseph Creager; he was standing on the steps, but was not doing anything. The door was closed about twenty minutes, and Lieut. McHenry gave orders to arrest all who were in the building. Witness arrested a man named Burleigh, who he took to the watch-house. He, however, turned out to be an employee of the Wigwam, and was discharged. All he heard Creager say was, "If you are going to arrest us, why don't you do it? I am tired of waiting here." There was a great noise outside of the building; and some stones were thrown, breaking the windows, at the time he was relighting the gas; did not see any one with a bust.

**By Mr. Davidge:** He made no arrest outside the building; no shots were fired outside while he was there. The only language he heard Creager use was in reference to his arrest. All was very quiet inside the building.

**John Alcorn, sworn:** Was at the Wigwam when the meeting adjourned; went over to the corner of C and Second streets; while there, heard a shout; several officers came up, and a man with him asked them to go and stop the riot. The man went over with the officers, and he went into the crowd, who were shouting and flinging stones at the building. Some were going in, and he followed them into the building; did not recognise any of the crowd outside; saw Creager coming towards the door, with a piece of transparency; Creager was in the Wigwam room, in the second story. First saw the crowd as he was standing at the corner of C and Second streets; his attention was first attracted by hearing the stones against the windows; then saw the crowd, and the watch came, and was taken to the watch-house.

**By Mr. Davidge:** Sewell, King, and Sinclair, were on the corner with him; did not notice the crowd until he heard the noise. When he went over, he did not recognise any one outside; pistols were being fired and stones being thrown when he was in the crowd. Creager said nothing when he saw him; he had in his hands a piece of canvas about five or six feet wide and eight or ten feet long; was bringing it toward the front of the building. The meeting was public and open to all, as he understood. When witness left, did not observe whether the lights were burning or not. The night was rather dark. When witness went back to the Wigwam, two lights were burning in the second story room.

**John Tolson, sworn:** Was on the avenue the night of the election; was at the Breckinridge headquarters; a report came in while he was there, that some of the men had been imposed upon. They all came out, and some of them exclaimed, "Let's kill the d—d Republican—us of b—s." Dr. Cleary and Dr. Willet were the only ones he knew in the crowd. Went up behind the procession to the Trinity church; they went over to the Wigwam, and he stopped at the church until the watch came along, then went along behind them over in the crowd. Saw Cleary and Willet in the crowd; heard one of them give the order, "fall in, Volunteers." They went over to the building, and witness heard stones being thrown and pistols shot.

**By Mr. Davidge:** was at the room about half an hour before the report came in that some of their men had been imposed upon; was right alongside of Dr. Cleary; did not see Cleary or Willet in the crowd coming up. Don't know how many shots were fired; waited at the church until the police came along, and followed after them. Was with Vernon on that night; he had never said that he would not appear if anybody would give him a suit of clothes; he had told some young men in the market, who wanted him to go away with them, that he would go if he had any money, and one of them told him to go to Dr. Willet, and he would get the money; John Bryan and Cornelius Desmond were the ones who wanted him to go away with them.

**Officer Ashe, sworn:** On the night of the election, a party came down and said they were going to cut or gut the Wigwam out; went with Donaldson up to Lieutenant McHenry; found a man drunk, when Lieutenant McHenry ordered them to take him to the watch-house; there were about two hundred people there, making every kind of noise, throwing stones and firing pistols; the crowd at the time was mostly on the other side of the street when he arrested the man. He heard some cries from the crowd of "Burn the d—d place down." Heard Dr. Cleary say something about National Volunteers; they all dispersed; did not recognise any one except Cleary; saw some of them trying to get something out of the window; some one came out of the building with a piece of canvas wrapped around his shoulders; heard the cry of "set the place on fire" several times.

**By Mr. Davidge:** Stopped at the corner of Indiana avenue and Third street; when they went over, heard four or five shots; did not know whether any shots were fired after they got on Second street; witness thought that he could have recognised a person ten feet off; the only person he recognised was Dr. Cleary, who seemed to be quiet; thinks transparencies were thrown out.

**By Mr. Ould:** Thinks the lights were lit after the crowd reached there.

**Martin Buell, sworn:** The Republicans held a meeting at the Wigwam election night, for the purpose of hearing the returns; after the meeting adjourned, witness saw to putting out the gas; all the lights were extinguished excepting a light in the room on the first floor, which was simply turned down; went into the street; saw a large crowd coming toward the building; the front part seemed to be marching in a line, but the rear was a large crowd; as they came, heard them exclaim, "Kill the d—d black Republican s—s of b—s." With other kindred cries; went back in the building, and locked the door; went on up stairs, and heard the balls breaking the windows; kept on receding until he reached the roof; as soon as the noise subsided, ventured down; found the office in a bad fix; the types were all knocked

## into pit; in the lower room the transparencies had been trampled under foot, several of the benches were broken, and one had been thrown in the street; the glazier's bill amounted to \$34 for replacing the glass and painting over the screens which had been battered.

**By Mr. Davidge:** Mr. Downey was the painter who was employed to replace the windows. The screens which were broken were of wire, set in wooden frames; the wire was used to prevent the windows from being broken by stones. One bench, the doors of a book-case, and some rough tables, were thrown out in the street and broken; thinks there were three transparencies broken and trampled upon; several panels of the doors were also broken. A civil suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court for damages. First saw the crowd coming back of the church; went back in the building and locked the door; then went on to the roof of the building; Messrs. Clephane, Fuoss, Hendley, and Ockstadt, were also on the building. His impression was, that it was a cloudy night, and the moon was shining behind the clouds. Does not think that any effort was made to stop the crowd; thinks he would have perceived it.

**Officer J. F. King, sworn:** Went to the Wigwam in advance of the other officers; went directly to the crowd, and ordered them to disperse; at that time, he heard a noise at the door; went over, and McHenry ordered him to take a man, who was very drunk, to the watch-house; Scarf, Ashe, and himself, took the man to the watch-house; did not hear a report of a pistol; saw a young man pick up a stone to throw at the building; told him to put it down, which he did. After he took Johnson to the watch-house, he did not return.

**By Mr. Davidge:** Johnson was very drunk; has known him several years; did not recognise him until he got to the City Hall.

**By Mr. Ould:** Did not have any difficulty in recognising the young man who had the stone in his hand.

**William Cleaver, sworn:** Came up to Telegraph Office; heard a crowd were going up to hear the returns; when he got up to the corner of Indiana avenue and Third street, heard a report of a pistol; some one said, "Come on, boys," he thinks it was Dr. Cleary; was at Third street; don't know any who passed in the crowd; the first pistol was fired near Baldwin's old shop; don't think it came from the crowd in which Dr. Cleary was; thinks that it was from a crowd in advance; there were about 30 persons in the crowd which Cleary seemed to command; he was within ten feet of the man who fired, but could not recognise any one of them; he was at the corner of Third street, in company with Messrs. B. Lloyd and Hunt; he had been drinking, but was sober.

**D. R. P. Higley, sworn:** After the meeting adjourned, walked up to the corner of Third street, in company with Mr. John Cleary and Charles Lammond; had heard there was a crowd coming up to take the Wigwam; when the crowd came up, he went round to Second street; they were firing pistols and throwing stones at the building; saw a man coming out with a banner over his shoulder; he jumped at him to take it off, but a policeman arrested him, and took him to the watch-house; thinks that the crowd numbered about 150, and the pistols were fired from the head of the line; heard cries of "O you Volunteers," and "Hurrah for Breckinridge."

**Mr. Davidge:** When he reached Second street, the majority of the crowd had got there; did not see the flash of the first pistol.

**By Mr. Ould:** The canvas the man had was a piece of the transparency. He did not strike the man or resist the officer.

**Officer Donaldson, sworn:** When he reached the Wigwam found the crowd very noisy; arrested a young man, a clerk in Shuster's dry goods store. When he first reached there, the men were running, and cries were raised that the police were coming. Don't know of any efforts being made by any persons except the police to disperse the crowd.

**William Hendley, sworn:** A fight took place between Brown's Hotel on election night, and the crowd moved off from there, exclaiming, "now for the Wigwam." Witness went to the Wigwam, and the meeting adjourned. When the crowd came up, he went up on the roof in company with others. Most of those who went from Brown's he knows by sight, but does not know their names. When he was on the building, heard the rallying cry of "O you National Volunteers" and "burn the building down;" when he heard these cries, he got ready to come down by the lightning rod.

At this stage of the trial the court adjourned.

**NOVEL RESOLUTIONS.**—The following resolutions of thanks to a noted notion dealer on Seventh street, were adopted by one of our military companies last evening:

"Whereas, in the munificence of his heart, Mr. S. has presented this corps two fine pictures; and

"Whereas, feeling it to be our duty to make suitable acknowledgments for the same; therefore be it

"Resolved, let, That in Mr. S. we have found a friend, one whom we hope will ever be so, and will continue to present his pictures to this corps as long as his pocket will afford it.

"Second, in the language of one of the gentlemen of this corps, 'small favors thankfully received, large ones in proportion,' and that whenever Mr. S. has loaned change about him, and has nothing else to do with it, that we will endeavor to spend it for him—that is, with Mr. S.'s consent.

"Third, that the thanks of this corps be tendered Mr. S."

It is needless to say that the resolutions were passed without a dissenting voice.

**RESIGNED.**—Captain F. B. Schaffer, of the National Rifles, has resigned the command of that company.

**A CORRECTION.**—We were in error yesterday in stating that Mr. James Devine had been removed from the dead letter office. It should have been that he had resigned.

**VISIT TO THE NAVY YARD.**—Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Lincoln, accompanied by N. B. Judd, Esq., paid a visit to the navy yard. The officers in charge took great pains to show and explain to them the various objects of interest there, and the visitors were much pleased with their visit.

**Georgetown Correspondence.**

GEORGETOWN, D. C., March 11, 1861.

The citizens of our town, with whom I have conversed, express themselves highly pleased at the prospect of the appointment of Mr. Clephane to the Postmastership of your city. I believe that such an appointment will give general satisfaction here.

Our military companies still meet regularly for their nightly drills, and thus give proof that the friends of peace and order in this District will have some security, not only for one day, (the inauguration day), but for any other day of the coming months, in which upstart lawlessness may dare to execute its secret threats or muttered intentions.

I learn that Mr. Wilson, an old and respectable citizen here, is now in a dying condition.

**FOR RENT.**

A handsome furnished parlor and chamber, with gas, in a quiet neighborhood, near Patent Office. Inquire at 432 Seventh street between G and H.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

### Virginia Convention.

Richmond, March 11.—The Convention today, 107 to 16, voted thanks to Mr. Crittenden for his patriotic efforts in the Senate to bring about a just and honorable adjustment of the national difficulties.

Mr. Summers made a speech advocating the Peace Congress proposition.

Mr. Baldwin, from the minority of the Committee on Federal Relations, submitted a report, endorsing the Peace Congress proposition; recommending a border State Convention at Frankfort, Ky.; opposing coercion; favoring the removal of all causes of the present condition of affairs on the political platform.

Mr. Wickham presented another minority report, opposing coercion; proposing a border State Conference at Frankfort; and favoring the Peace Congress proposition as a fair and honorable adjustment.

### Southern Confederacy.—The Permanent Constitution.

Montgomery, March 11.—The permanent Constitution has been adopted, but was kept secret. A member of Congress, however, states that among its provisions are the following:

The President is to be elected for six years. All Executive appointments under the grade of Cabinet officers are to hold office during good behavior, and to be removed only for causes assigned in writing.

The slave trade is prohibited. A clause was adopted, that Cabinet officers shall not be prohibited from holding seats in Congress.

An act was passed authorizing the issuing of one million dollars in Treasury notes, and an appropriation bill passed for current expenses.

The Secretary of the Treasury finds no difficulty in negotiating as much of the \$15,000,000 loan at par as is needed at present.

### Probable Repeal of a Personal Liberty Bill.

Boston, March 11.—The Senate of Maine has passed a bill repealing the personal liberty act. The vote stood seventeen for repeal and ten against.

### From California, by Pony Express.

Fort Kearny, March 9.—The California pony express, with advices of the 23d, has arrived here.

The steamer of the 21st took nearly one million dollars, including eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars for New York, and 150 passengers.

There was a fair State trade doing at San Francisco, at low prices.

Washington's birthday was unprecedentedly observed.

The Douglas Democrats in the Legislature have split on the Senatorial contest; one portion have nominated Mr. McDougal. Denver's chances are now considered best, with the support of the Breckinridge men.

### New York Markets.

New York, March 11.—Cotton firm—sales of 2,000 bales. Upward middlings, 11¢. Flour heavy—sales of 9,500 barrels; State, \$5.00 @ \$5.10; Ohio, \$4.40 @ \$4.55; Southern, \$5.20 @ \$5.30. Wheat, declining tendency—sales of 62,000 bushels. Pork heavy—meas, \$17.12; prime, \$12.50. Lard heavy at 9¢ @ 10¢. Whisky steady at 17¢ @ 17½. Sugar steady—muscovado, 4¢ @ 5¢. Coffee steady—sales of 4,000 bags at 11¢ @ 13¢. Spirits of turpentine heavy at 36 cents. Rosin heavy at \$1.25. Rice quiet.

### Financial.

New York, March 11.—Stocks higher—Chicago and Rock Island, 59½; Illinois Central shares, 82; Michigan Southern, 30½; New York Central, 78½; Reading, 45½; Hudson River Railroad, 46½; Virginia 6½; 19; Missouri 6½, 67.

Money easy—loans on calls, 5 per cent.; Treasury 12½, 1.03½; United States 5's of 1881, coupons, 92½.

### NEWS ITEMS.

For the year 1860 the public income of the United Kingdom amounted to £71,907,491.

Fifteen babies, all less than six months old, were christened in the Northampton, Massachusetts, Catholic Church last Sunday.

On the 3d of March, in all probability, twenty millions of serfs in Russia, at one and the same hour, ceased to be "property."

Smoke is a great preventive against frost. A fire of damp rubbish placed at each corner of a garden during the night will suffice to keep off frost.

**SECESSION AMONG THE TYROS.**—At a late meeting of the Typographical Union, of Jackson, Mississippi, a committee was appointed to draft an ordinance of secession from the "National Typographical Union," with a view to the formation of another grand body in the Confederate States.

**COMFORTABLY OFF.**—General Miramon and his wife, at last accounts, were living in Havana in a very simple manner, without any retinue. They are bound for France, where the \$6,000,000 they have between them will be made useful.

**CRIME IN GREAT BRITAIN.**—There are said to be in England and Wales 39,338 known thieves, 3,407 receivers of stolen goods, 39,730 fallen women, 87,688 suspected persons, 23,353 vagrants, all preying on the public, and known to the police.

**APPROPRIATE.**—The editor of the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin sent Jefferson Davis, the President of the "Six Nations," a pen-holder made from a ruler of the house in which Benedict Arnold was born.

Hon. John Cochrane was serenaded by a number of merchants in New York, on Friday evening.

The steamer Empire City sailed from New York, March 10, for Texas, with ordinance, &c.

The lower branch of the Legislature of Missouri has passed a joint resolution to go into an election of U. S. Senator to-morrow.

### Millinery, Fancy Goods.—Cheap.

MR. C. HAMMERSCHLAG, 432 Seventh street, between G and H streets, keeps constantly on hand a large assortment of Fancy Goods, Notions, Hosiery, &c., which he offers on the most favorable terms, and earnestly solicits the continued patronage of his numerous friends and customers.

Having engaged Mr. J. M. COHN, he will promptly accommodate his former customers.

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SMITH'S, No. 460 Seventh street, is the best place in town to buy Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, and Caps.

## I. O. O. F. COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 104

A special meeting of the above-named Lodge will be held THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at seven o'clock, to make arrangements for the funeral of our deceased brother, WILLIAM K. GRAY. Officers and members are requested to be punctual.

GEORGE W. CALVERT, N. G.  
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The Republicans of the fifth and sixth wards will hold a meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, Navy Yard, this (Tuesday) evening, at seven o'clock. Punctual attendance required.

By order of the President, Dr. S. A. H. McKIM.  
CHARLES SLEIGH,  
Recording Secretary.

## BY GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers,

No. 526 Seventh and D streets.

**HARDWARE, CARPENTERS' TOOLS, ETC.,** at auction. On Thursday, the 14th inst., we shall sell in front of our auction rooms a general assortment of Hardware and Carpenters' Tools, consisting of Hinges, Locks, Screws, Saws, Planes, Chisels, Hatchets, Bolts, Rules, Squares, Hoes, Scythes, Forks, &c., &c.

The attention of builders is requested to the above sale, as they will be sold without reserve. Terms cash.

GREEN & WILLIAMS,  
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## BY BONTZ & GRIFFITH, Auctioneers

NEARLY new Furniture and Household Effects, at Public Auction. On WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 13th, at ten o'clock, we shall sell, at the residence of a gentleman declining housekeeping, on New York avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, all his Household Furniture and Effects, comprising—

Mahogany Spring-Seat Sofa, Arm Chairs.  
Mahogany Spring-Seat Side Chairs.  
Mahogany Arm and Nurse Rockers.  
Walnut Whatnot, Gilt-Frame Mirror.  
Mahogany Jenny Lind Bedstead.  
Mahogany Marble-Top Dressing Bureau.  
Walnut Washstand, Toilet Sets.  
Cottage Bedsteads, Cane-Seat Chairs.  
Hair-Mattresses, Feather Pillows, and Bolsters.  
Husk and Buck and Cotton Mattresses.  
Blankets, Comforts, Quilts